Period	*No. of persons apprehended*
April, 1999 to March, 2000	3112
April, 2000 to March, 2001	2719
March-June, 2001	836

Action is taken against the persons apprehended under the relevant provisions of the law.

Reduction in stoppage of Shatabdi Express at Chandigarh

3645. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main passenger traffic of Shatabdi Express Train is being dealt with at Chandigarh Railway Station; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for reducing stoppage timings of the above train, from 22 minutes to eight minutes at this Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The major share of the passenger traffic for the two Shatabdi Express trains *i.e.* 2011/2012 New Delhi-Chandigarh-New Delhi and 2005/2006 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi is handled at Chandigarh Railway Station.

(b) The stoppage time of Shatabdi Express was curtailed to 8 minutes to reduce the overall running time.

Palace on Wheels train in Karnataka

3646. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the palace on wheels trains is to be launched in Karnataka shortly;

(b) if so, the places to be covered and the approximate cost per ticket; and

(c) by when it would be started;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) A proposal to launch a Palace on Wheels type train in Karnataka has been received from the State Government of Karnataka. Various inputs requested by the State Government have been furnished for working out the modalities and their reply is awaited.